Ex-Wallace Aide Indicted In Campaign Fund Inquiry

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MONTGOMERY, Ala., Sept. 14—After a wide-ranging federal probe of George Wallace's presidential campaign fund practices, a former aide was indicted for income tax evasion. It is the only indictment resulting from the probe, and appears to mark the end of the U.S. investigation.

Seymore Trammell, who managed finances for the 1968 race for President and served as state finance director in two Wallace administrations, was indicted by a federal grand jury that had been receiving evidence since April.

Trammell, 51, turned himself in to the U.S. marshal's office here this morning and was released on his own recognizance under $1,500 bond.

The four-count indictment, returned last Friday but made public today, charges Trammell with evading $5,721.75 in federal income taxes for 1967 and 1968.

During this two-year period, when he was finance director for the late Gov. Lurleen Wallace, the indictment indicates that he understated his income by over $24,000.

Trammell's arrest follows a year-and-a-half investigation by the U.S. Justice Department and the Internal Revenue Service into alleged kickbacks from state contractors and possible tax violations in the handling of Wallace campaign donations.

Trammell and Wallace had a public disagreement after the 1968 presidential campaign. Now practicing law in Montgomery, Trammell ran for state treasurer last year and lost badly after Wallace denounced him.

The parade of witnesses outside the grand jury room in April included political figures from a long list of state-related businesses. Top Wallace aides and financial backers were questioned at length, leadig to speculation that federal investigators concentrated on methods of handling campaign contributions.